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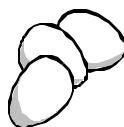
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In most locations, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm entering the weekend. Demand continued in a full range of light to good and was best where features were either in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were sufficient and were held with extreme confidence. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for normal to reduced schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on all sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on all sizes. Prices paid to producers in New England were 1 cent higher on extra large and large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies, although adequate for current trade needs, were being held with confidence.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 4 cents higher for large, up 2 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good and continued to improve based on increased interest for the upcoming Easter holiday. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs and were being held with extreme confidence. Central states nest run breaking stock mostly values were 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were about adequate for the usually moderate demand. Heavy nest runs were being held with increased confidence at this call. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules generally full-time for next week. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large increased 4 cents, mediums increased 2 cents. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Supplies adequate and held with confidence.

SOUTHERN Prices were 3 cents higher on the larger sizes and 1 cent higher on medium. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm entering the weekend. Asking prices for next week were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes and somewhat higher on mediums. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient and held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample. Demand was unaggressive and only fair. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Fowl processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5-6 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 6-7 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 3 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover features. Offerings light.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	95-99	87-91	73-77
New York	63-67	61-65	47-51
Philadelphia	56-65	55-63	44-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-52	46-49	36-39
Jackson (1)	54-56	52-54	44-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-67	55-66	43-54
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-58	52-56	38-42
Detroit (2)	45-50	44-49	36-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-51	46-49	34-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	47-53	36-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	61-67	56-66	44-53
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	68-78	66-71	56-61
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	86	79	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 7 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- large dozen 77-99.

CALIFORNIA PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	89
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	70-81
EXTRA LARGE	68-78
LARGE	66-71
MEDIUM	56-61

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Mostly values were 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were about adequate for the usually moderate demand. Heavy nest runs were being held with increased confidence at this call. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules generally full-time for next week. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	27-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was unaggressive and only fair. Supplies were adequate to ample for processing needs. Schedules were reported as normal to heavy, with some Saturday breaking noted. The market tone continued steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern Region for the week ending February 16, 2002 were 2% less than last week, although 1% more than the same week a year ago.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-19	13-17
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 16-Feb-02
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	LAST	LAST
CW	1,162,527	25,902	12,239	6,246	3,031	4,192
PW	1,166,071	25,676	12,315	6,674	3,426	4,162
LY	1,058,926	24,325	10,476	5,824	2,087	4,034
% CHG PW	0	1	-1	-6	-12	1
% CHG LY	10	6	17	7	45	4
2002	7,914,441	175,323	82,402	43,596	21,699	28,959
2001	7,582,267	171,334	76,486	42,378	18,502	27,673
% CHG YTD	4	2	8	3	17	5
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	LAST	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.79	41.87	42.17	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.18	38.30	38.36	

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment steady to about steady for whites and whole egg and barely steady to weak on yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, adequate to mostly fully adequate for yolk and tight for whites. Demand was good for whites, fair for yolk and light for whole egg. Yolk was being discounted below previously reported values in an attempt to help clear product and some breakers were asking buyers to purchase yolk in addition to their increased white orders. Breaking stock values were slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	25-27	25.41	1.11
WHITES	21	8.5-14.75	9.86	.40
YOLKS	10	52-58.5	56.00	-2.30

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, but unchanged to lower on the remainder of items when compared to previous week's trading. Demand and trading was very light and limited. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. The market tone was unsettled to barely steady on yolks and generally steady on whole and whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 16, 2002 were 1% lower than the previous week, but 1% higher than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY RANGE	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	38-45	38-41	47-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		63-80
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-75	74-75	78-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-71	70-71	74-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged unchanged for whole egg, unchanged to 1 cent higher for whites, and unchanged to lower for sugar and salt yolk. Trade sentiment steady on whites, about steady for whole egg and barely steady on sugar and salt yolk. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to mostly fully adequate with most breakers very willing to build slightly heavier inventories as Easter approaches. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY RANGE
WHOLE	38-41	40-41
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-76	72-75
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-70	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/16 was 8% less than the previous week. Breaking stock tighter. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	46-49
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-81
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen and unchanged on the balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand remained light and unaggressive. Supplies were fully adequate to available, if needed. The undertone was about steady on albumen and generally steady on the remainder of items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending February 16, 2002 were 12% lower than the previous week, but 45% higher than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 17% higher than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.	
WHOLE	1.40-1.67 MOSTLY 1.45-1.55
YOLKS	1.61-1.80 MOSTLY 1.70-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.80-2.10 MOSTLY 1.80-1.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.30 MOSTLY 1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 15, 2002-FEB 21, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
109.75								95.75								205.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	32.00	—		—	—		1.00	GNR W XL	—	36.00		—	—		1.00	GNR W XL	—	36.00		—	—		1.00
GNR W 1	33.33	35.17		34.17	38.25		56.00	GNR W 1	38.67	44.83		—	—		27.00	GNR W 1	38.67	44.83		—	—		27.00
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		7.00	GNR W 4	—	23.50		—	—		2.00	GNR W 4	—	23.50		—	—		2.00
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—		5.00	GNR BR XL	—	—		—	—		2.00	GNR BR XL	—	—		—	—		2.00
GNR W 4	27.00	27.00		—	—		6.00	GNR BR 1	61.00	63.00		—	—		3.00	GNR BR 1	61.00	63.00		—	—		3.00
GNR BR XL	53.00	—		52.00	—		2.00	GL W J	53.50	—		—	—		1.75	GL W J	53.50	—		—	—		1.75
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		1.00	GL W XL	—	51.00		—	—		17.50	GL W XL	—	51.00		—	—		17.50
GL W J	—	—		—	—		.75	GL W LG	—	49.20		—	49.50		35.50	GL W LG	—	49.20		—	49.50		35.50
GL W XL	—	46.43		43.57	44.53		43.00	GL W MD	—	44.00		—	41.25		9.00	GL W MD	—	44.00		—	41.25		9.00
GL W LG	—	43.95		42.25	43.75		51.75	NRBS - 45	—	26.50		—	—		1.00	NRBS - 45	—	26.50		—	—		1.00
GL W MD	30.00	33.25		30.63	32.43		19.00	NRBS - 42	20.50	—		—	—		2.00	NRBS - 42	20.50	—		—	—		2.00
GL W SM	—	—		24.00	26.25		2.25	NRBS - 39	20.00	22.00		—	—		2.00	NRBS - 39	20.00	22.00		—	—		2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—		27.81	29.56		22.00	NRBS - 36	—	21.00		—	—		1.00	NRBS - 36	—	21.00		—	—		1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—		3.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—		14.90	16.50		14.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—		—	—		3.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the adequate to the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Canner movement was fair with offerings at least adequate. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with rendering operations absorbing excess spent fowl at this call. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished product movement was fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Some down time reported for the holiday but otherwise plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.71	59.83	47.32
SOUTHERN	55.22	53.39	42.70
MIDWEST	50.30	48.71	37.45
WESTERN	76.45	71.25	60.94
TWELVE METRO AREAS	63.82	60.78	49.55

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light to fair. Demand was moderate. Offerings were irregular but at least adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	30-40 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-38 MAJORITY 34-35

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-Feb-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,719	1,186	2,905
LAST WEEK	1,862	1,249	3,111
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,585	1,487	3,072
TO-DATE/2002	12,688	8,839	21,527
TO-DATE/2001	12,634	8,884	21,518

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	345	12	357
LAST WEEK	455	0	455
SAME WEEK YR AGO	557	21	578
TO-DATE/2002	2,448	20	2,468
TO-DATE/2001	3,776	48	3,824

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	2,064	1,198	3,262
LAST WEEK	2,317	1,249	3,566
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,142	1,508	3,650
TO-DATE/2002	15,136	8,859	23,995
TO-DATE/2001	16,410	8,932	25,342

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Feb 09, 2002		Year-To-Date		
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	307	142	1,583	631
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	22	0	22
Total	307	164	1,583	653

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 09, 2002		Year-To-Date		
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	72	104	438	672
Frozen	61	41	342	102
Dried	55	0	223	40
Total	188	145	1,003	814

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Feb 09, 2002		Year-To-Date		
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	240	730
Large	760	2,290	4,259	9,471
Medium	1,320	300	2,480	1,050
Ungraded	0	3,780	0	9,060
Misc	0	900	66	1,687
Total	2,080	7,270	7,045	21,998

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
33-36	19-23	7-10

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	79-82	71-74	56-59	25-28

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-61	44-48	42-47	34-37	25-29

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 18-Feb-02	1,742	131,197	72,814
AM 1-Feb-02	2,381	112,107	69,729
CHG	-639	19090	3085
PCT CHG	-27	17	4

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 16-Feb-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.8	21.0	-1	-5
BOSTON	3.2	3.6	-11	-11
CHICAGO	38.0	57.8	-34	-25
DETROIT	32.4	28.3	14	17
KANSAS CITY	11.0	4.0	175	182
LOS ANGELES	115.6	108.1	7	-11
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	12.9	-30	-3
NEW YORK	40.4	32.7	24	17
ST. LOUIS	20.6	17.5	18	44
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	20.6	8	1
TOTAL	313.3	306.5	2	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	304.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 16-Feb-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.8	-2	2
E.N. CENTRAL	519.4	2	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	276.1	3	6
S. ATLANTIC	190.0	6	-3
S. CENTRAL	84.8	4	16
WEST	189.8	0	10
TOTAL	1485.9	2	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

FEBRUARY 19, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	109	101	87	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	94-98	80-84	51-55
MOSTLY	104-105	96-97	82-83	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	108-112	100-104	86-90	57-61
MOSTLY	108	100	86	57
VERMONT	110-112	104-105	89-90	-
MOSTLY	112	104	90	-

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MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Dec-31	Dec-31	Jan-31	Jan-31
	2000	2001	2001	2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	3,590	2,467	4,488	2,003
Yolks	893	480	1,096	630
Whole & Mixed	9,483	9,463	10,289	6,866
Unclassified	1,005	1,300	1,084	3,539
<i>Total Frozen Eggs</i>	14,971	13,710	16,957	13,038

CHICKENS AND EGGS

January Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during January 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.16 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2002 averaged 338 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during January 2001. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,143 eggs, up one percent from the 2,128 eggs in January 2001.

January 2002 contained 23 weekdays, two holidays and four Saturdays, equal to January 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2002, averaged 68.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 69.2 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.80 billion eggs during January 2002, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during January, at 317 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 35.5 million, down 6 percent from January 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.0 million on February 1, 2002, down 9 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 228,000 during January 2002, down 10 percent from January 2001.